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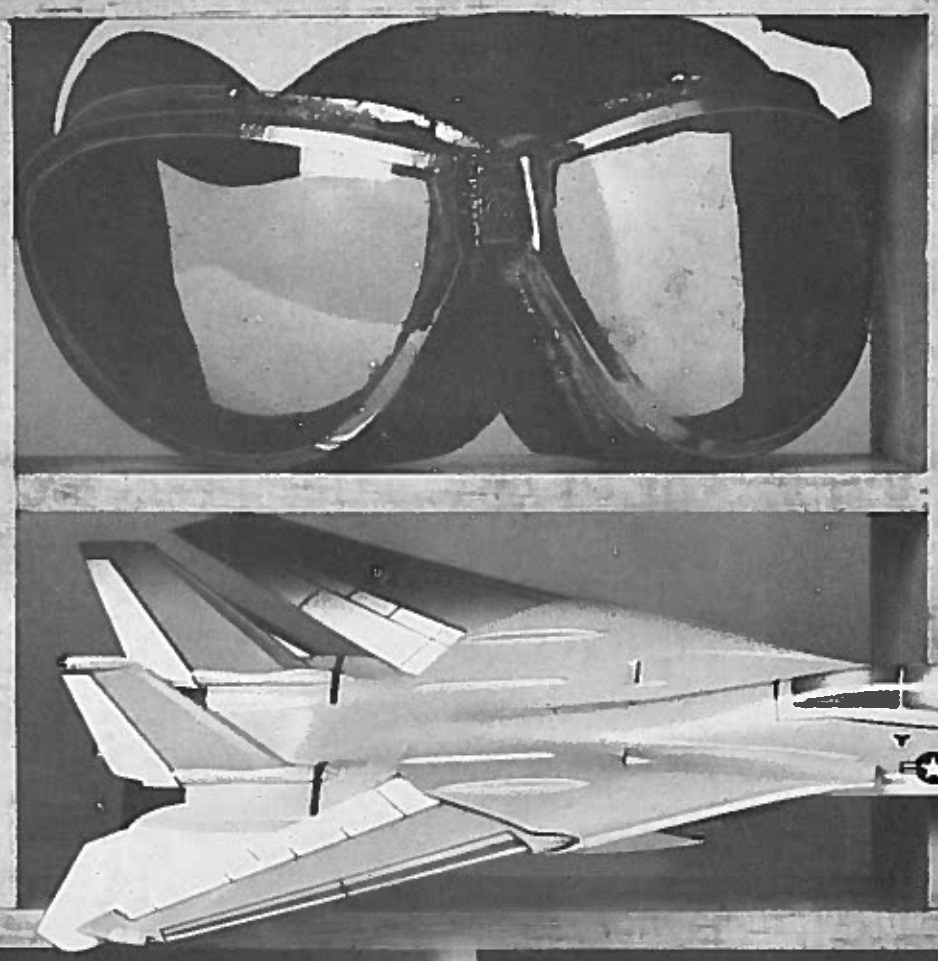

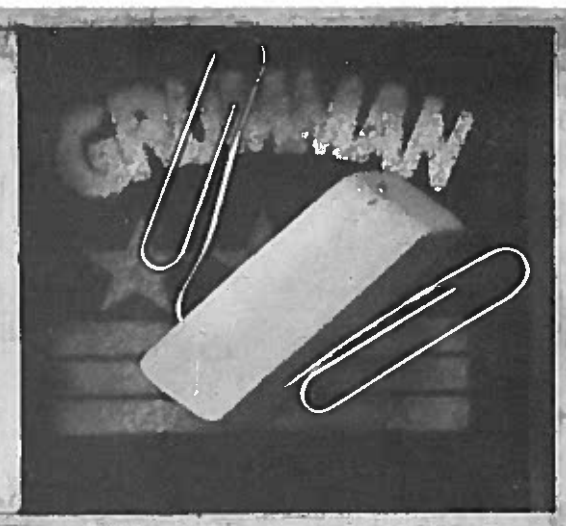

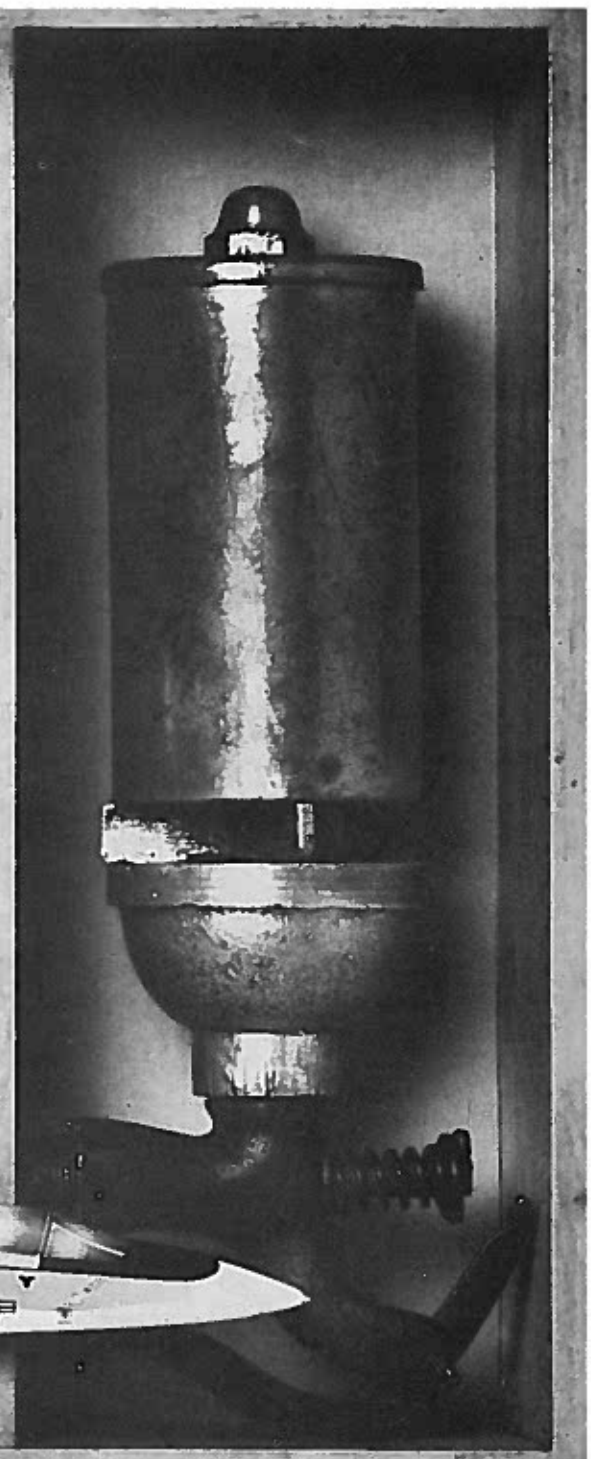

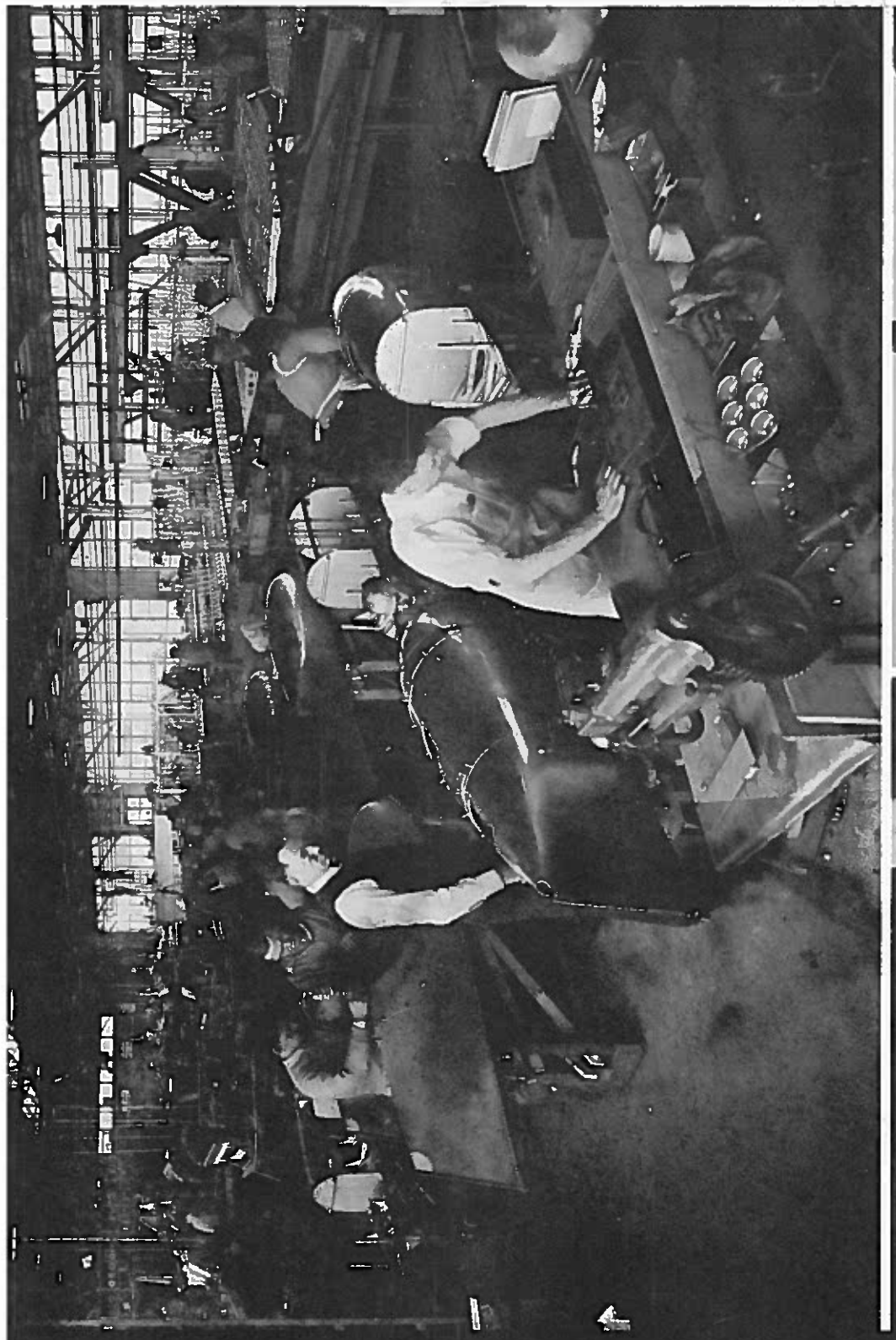

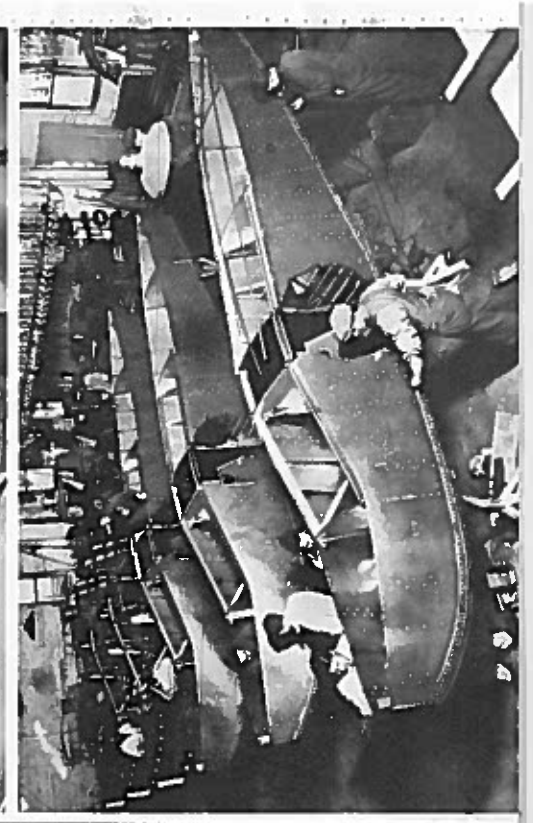

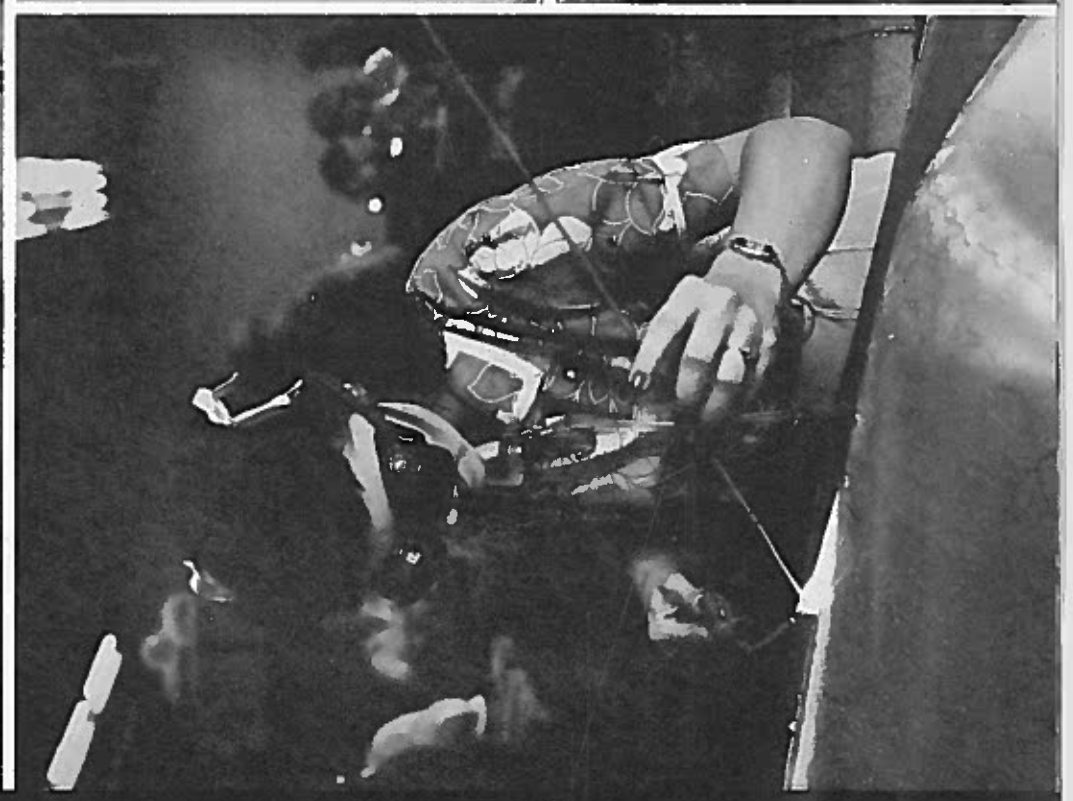

**'We were all proud to be in aviation.
I would even wear my 'Grumman Aircraft'
coveralls on the weekends.'**

George Burkhardt
A Grummanite since 1930.

Special Issue
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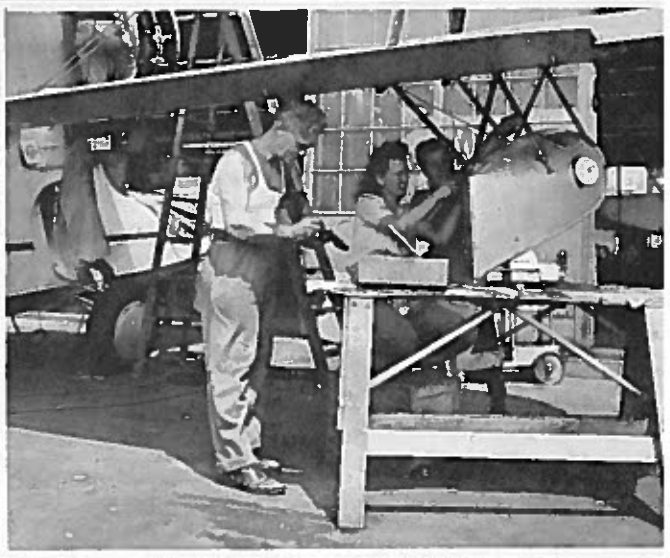
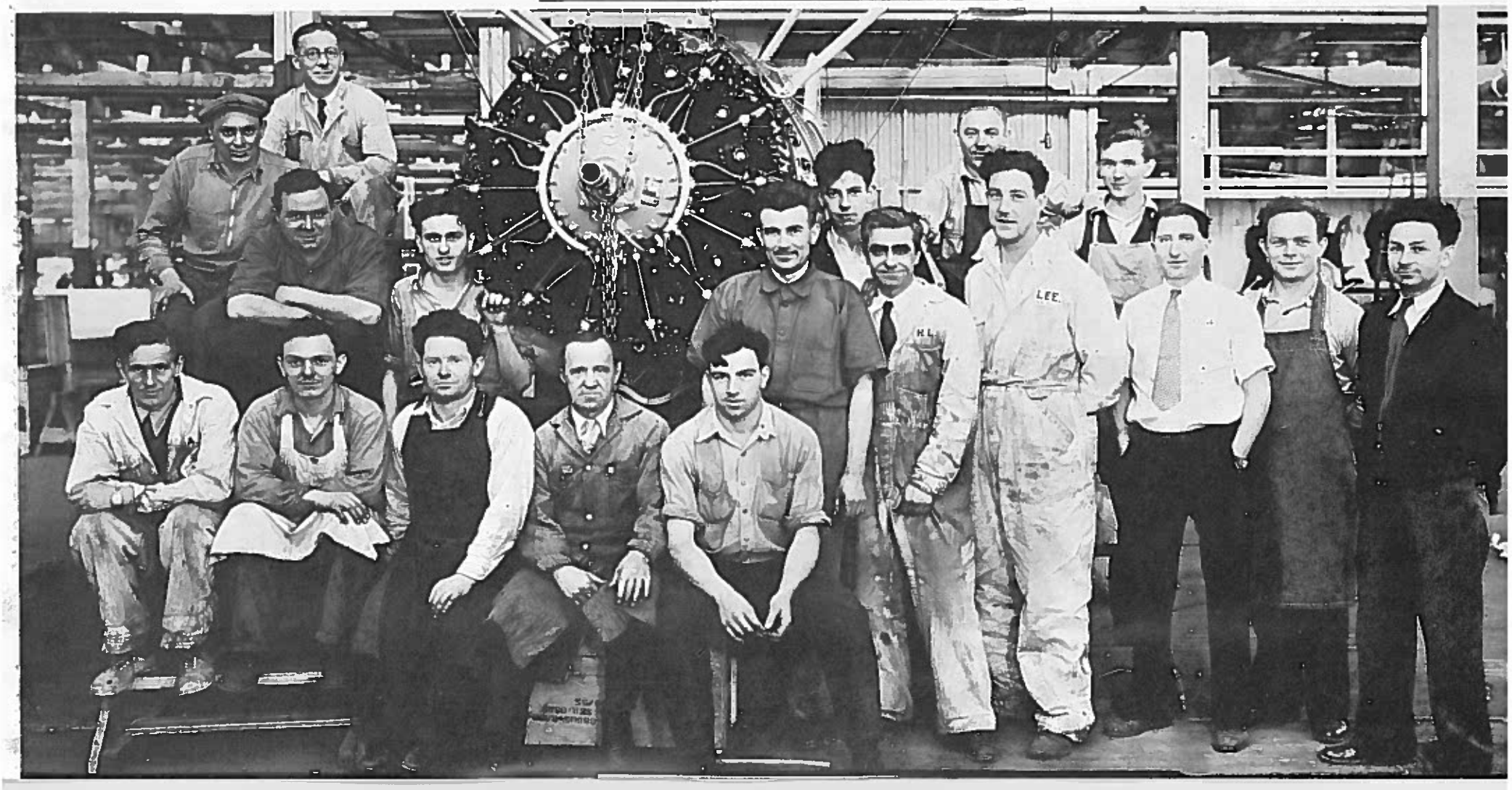
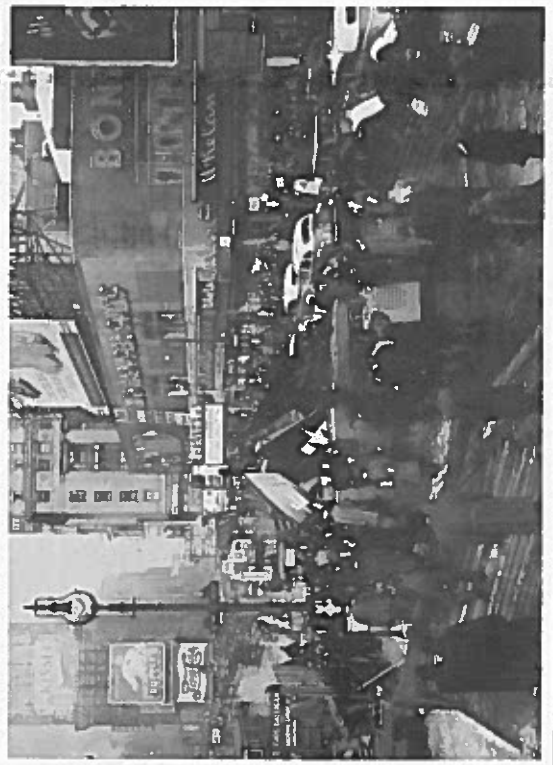
May 1980

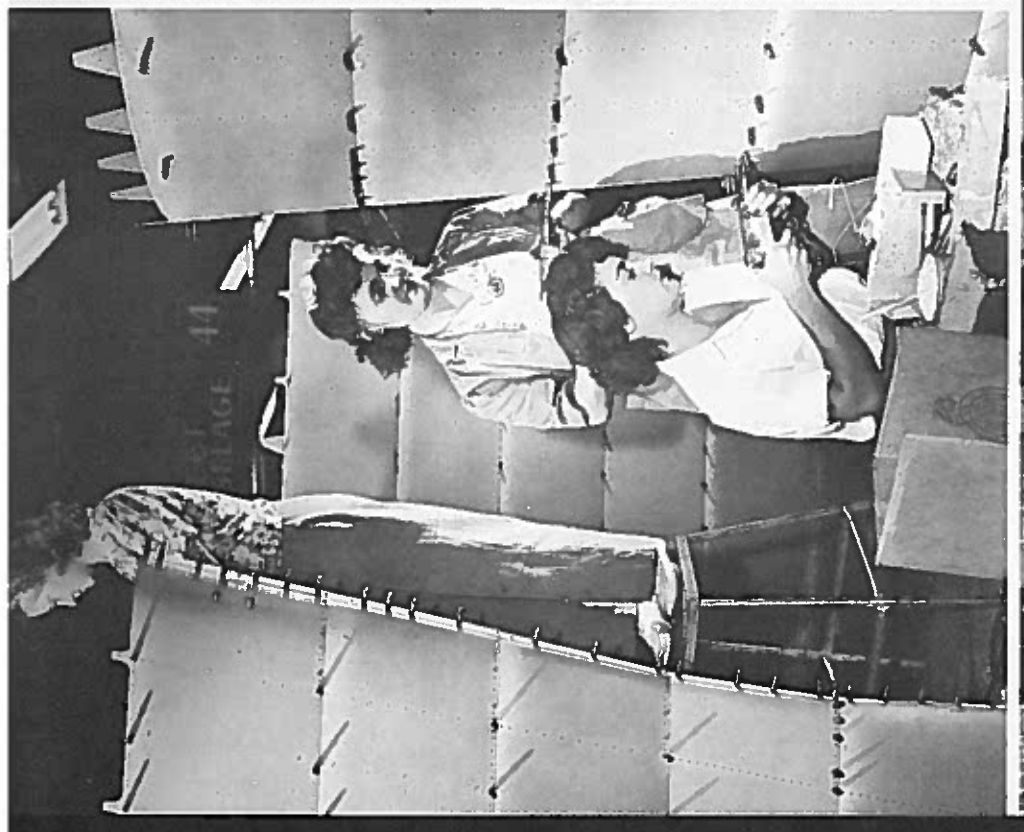
"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." — Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933. Sixteen million people—one third of America's workforce—are jobless. Banks fail. Mills and factories close their gates. The song of the day: "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?" The New Deal spawns "alphabet soup" government agencies...CCC, NRA, WPA. Millions toast Old Man Prohibition's death. Amelia Earhart disappears on a mysterious flight over the Pacific. Joe DiMaggio becomes hero in the Bronx. Joe "The Brown Bomber" Louis puts Hitler's pride, Max Schmeling, away in the first round at Madison Square Garden. Babe Didrikson dominates women's sports. The Hindenberg explodes. John Steinbeck pens *The Grapes of Wrath*. Matinee audiences admire Clark Gable, Jean Harlow, Shirley Temple, and Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The 1939 World's Fair opens—its Perisphere and Trylon, symbols of progress through peace.

The Grumman family grows from a handful of people to over 700 by 1939. Before long, the young firm abandons float repair work and starts building its own line of aircraft, from fighters to amphibians. "Home" for Grummanites shifts from a little rented garage in Baldwin to Valley Stream to Farmingdale to its very own Bethpage homestead.







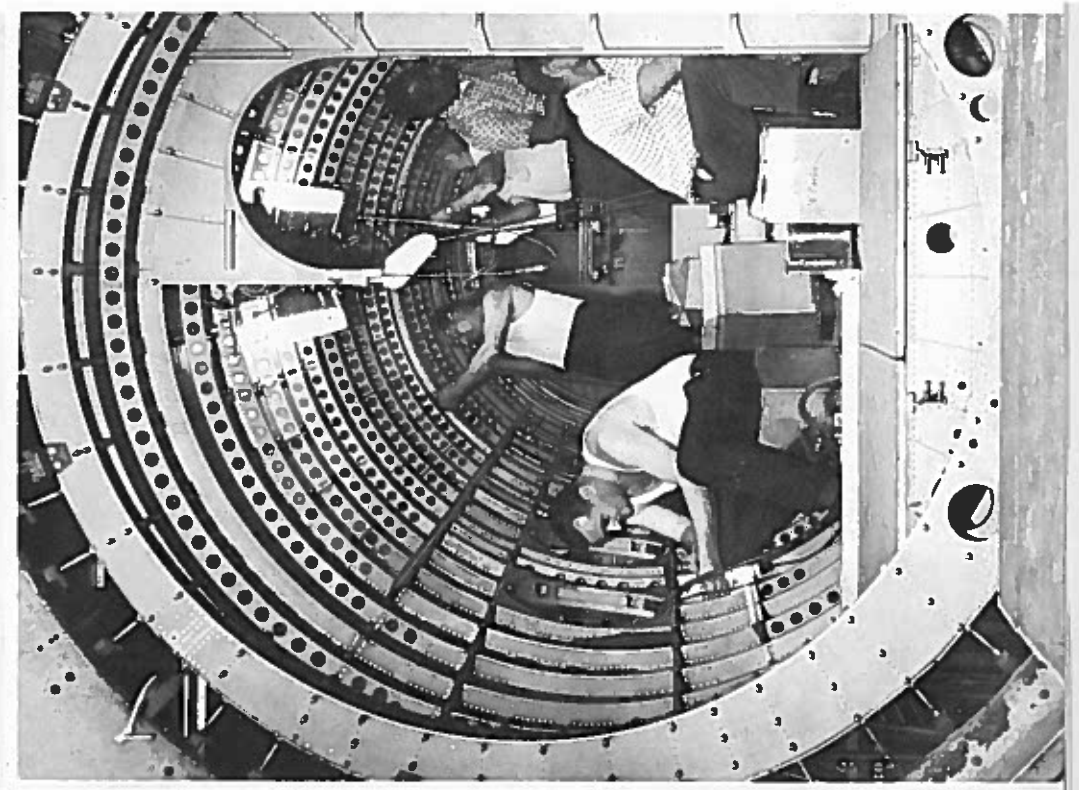


'The name Grumman on a plane or part has the same meaning to the Navy that sterling on silver has to you.'

Vice Adm. John S. McCain
1942

"December 7, 1941, the day that will live in infamy..." catapults America into a two-hemisphere war. The World War demands undreamed of levels of production from screws to planes; women supply the manpower. Citizens keep an eye to the sky for enemy aircraft, and get an extensive lesson in world geography: Guam, Normandy, Coral Sea, Okinawa, Algeria, Burma, Bataan. New words and phrases creep into the language: rationing, the Black Market, OPA, V-Mail, the Dear John letter, Rosie the Riveter, Meatless Tuesday. At USOs throughout the world, couples dance the lindy and jitterbug. Thousands of screaming, swooning bobbysoxers swarm Paramount Theatre in New York to hear a skinny kid named Frank Sinatra. With the suddenness of a lightening bolt, the world's first atomic bomb, quickly followed by a second, ends the war on Japan in August 1945.

Grumman men and women combine forces to break wartime production records...including 605 Hellcats in one month. World War aces return to personally thank Grummanites for their super fighters. To alleviate the frantic wartime pace, there are lunchtime activities, ranging from softball games to dance-athons.

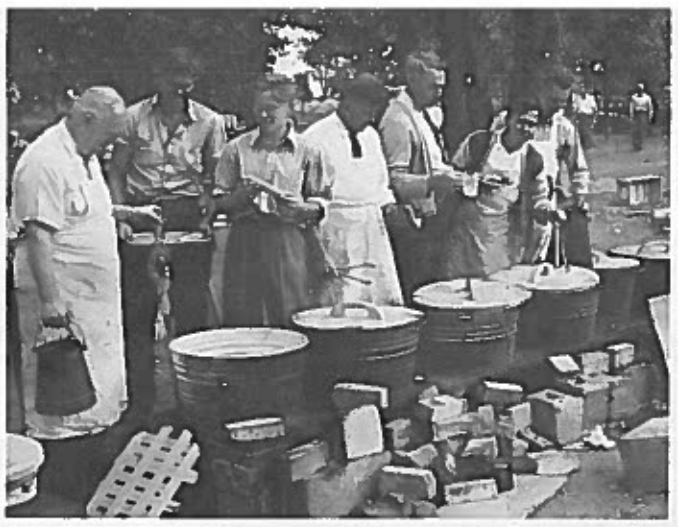


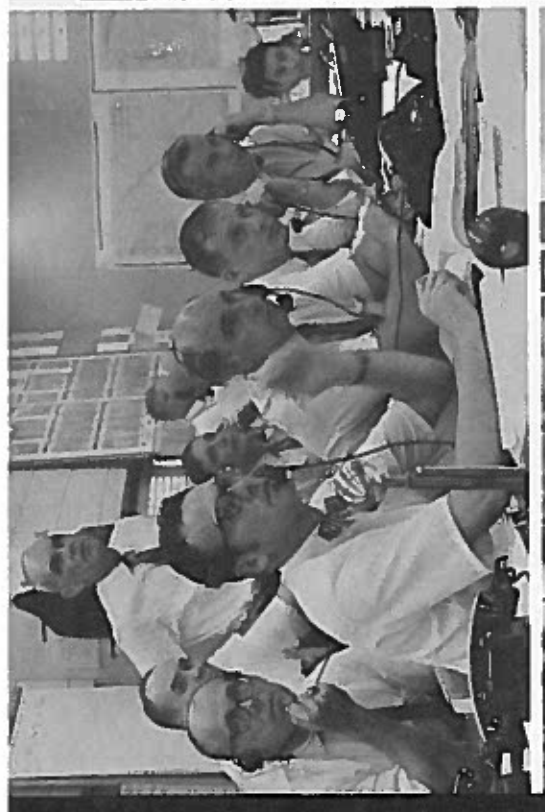
'It's a great comfort knowing you have a good,
rugged Grumman plane under you. I hope
I never have to fly anything other than a Grumman plane.'

Lt. William Austin
Panther pilot, 1954

Millions of returning GIs shop for civvies and search for a new life. Suburbs spring up; the baby boom is born. The Korean Conflict draws more young men to the armed services. Senator Joe McCarthy launches a communist witch hunt. Jet-powered airliners nudge the ocean liners to the back of the transportation picture. Television enters the entertainment arena with Uncle Miltie and his Texaco All-Stars leading the pack. Kids are hypnotized by TV stars Howdy Doody, Miss Frances and the Mickey Mouse Club. Jackie Robinson breaks into the Dodgers line-up. The Brooklyn Dodgers win the 1956 World Series, then say "goodbye" to fans and head for the West Coast. Led by gyrating Elvis Presley, teenagers flock to rock and roll by the millions.

The jet age hits the production line. Grumman Ironworks take on a new dimension, thanks to the advent of electronics, which turns fighter aircraft into weapons systems. A new corporate plane, the Gulfstream I, makes its debut. Blueprints are drawn for a new all-weather attack aircraft and a revolutionary airborne early warning system.



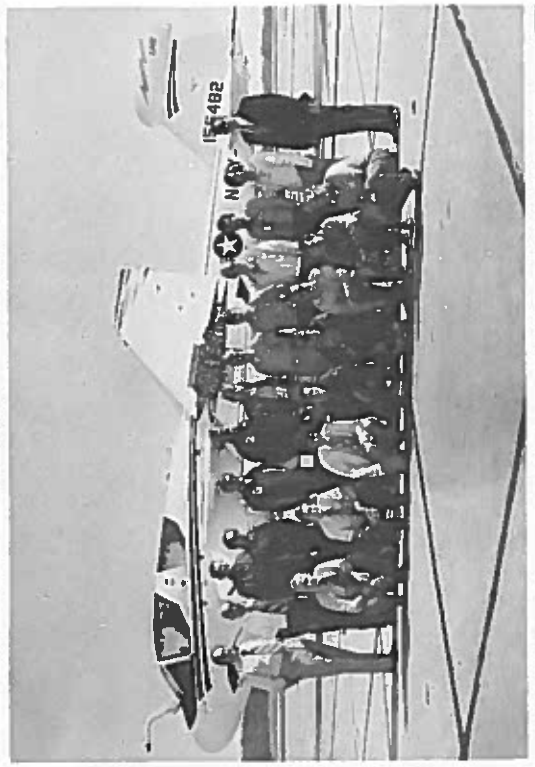


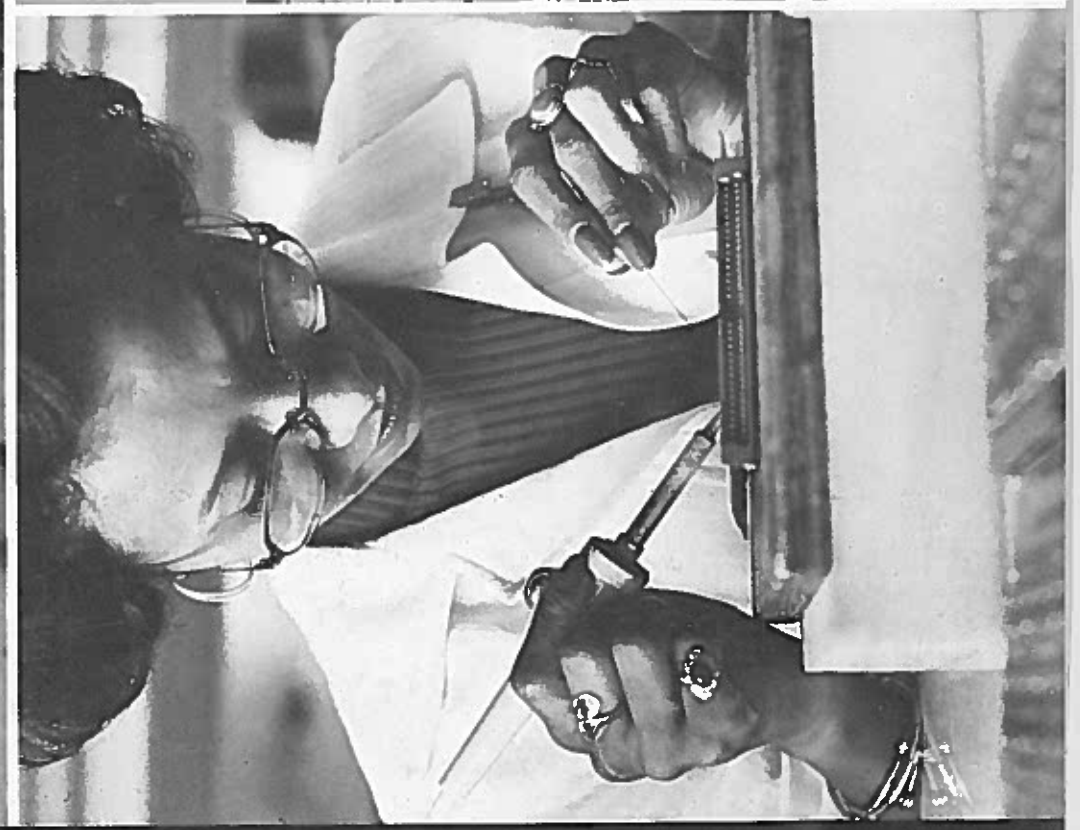
'If we don't do anything else, let's get back up to Grumman and say thanks.'

Capt. Jim Lovell, Jr.
Apollo 13 astronaut.

America's first man to orbit Earth, John Glenn gets a roaring welcome from New Yorkers on Broadway. Seven years later, astronaut Neil Armstrong steps onto lunar soil and says, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Violent years...President John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert, and Dr. Martin Luther King fall to assassins' bullets. Vietnam splits the nation. An electronic device called the computer stages a revolution in business. Muhammad Ali floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee. Beatlemania hits the American shore. The Jets, Mets and Knicks bring home the championship to New York, while the Big Apple hosts its second World's Fair.

Thousands of Grummanites join the space age by designing and building the Apollo Lunar Module. Team members set up homes at Cape Kennedy, White Sands, and Houston. Astronauts journey to Bethpage to thank the Grumman team. Subcontract work starts up on the Air Force's F-111. The decade ends on an upbeat: Grumman wins the Navy's VFX program to build its new air superiority fighter...F-14 Tomcat.



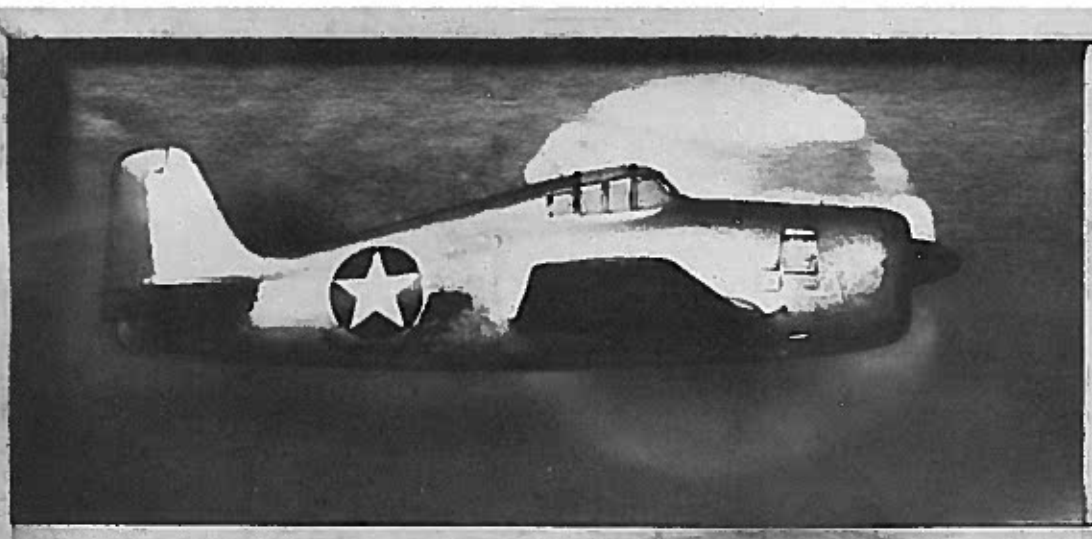


'We will continue to build on the talent and technology that have brought Grumman through five decades of growth.'

George M. Skurla
May 1978

The U.S.A. celebrates its 200th birthday. Watergate shakes the country, causing a presidential resignation. Technology comes under attack...but others look to it for new ways to solve world-wide energy and inflation problems. Oil makes the Bedouin king. Terrorism shakes the world. Doors open between China and the United States, while peace begins to seed in the Mid-East. T-shirts highlight the decade's events: "Woman's place is in the House and Senate," "I $pent my vacation at the gas $tation," and "I survived Three-Mile Island." Farrah Fawcett-Majors, John Travolta, O.J. Simpson, Dr. J. and the Bee Gees turn people on.

Fifty years after the doors swung open on a rented garage in Baldwin, over 20,000 Grumman Aerospace employees look forward to the future with the same enthusiasm as the first 21 employees. The pride, loyalty and dedication of those early Grummanites, led by Leroy Grumman, Jake Swirbul ,Clint Towl and Bill Schwendler, continues at plants and field locations around the world. The company that built floats and refurbished amphibians now manufactures the world's finest tactical air force—the Navy's F-14, E-2C, A-6E and EA-6B. And although it has grown into one of the world's most successful aerospace companies, Grummanites persist in the belief of the founders that the most important asset of any company is its people.



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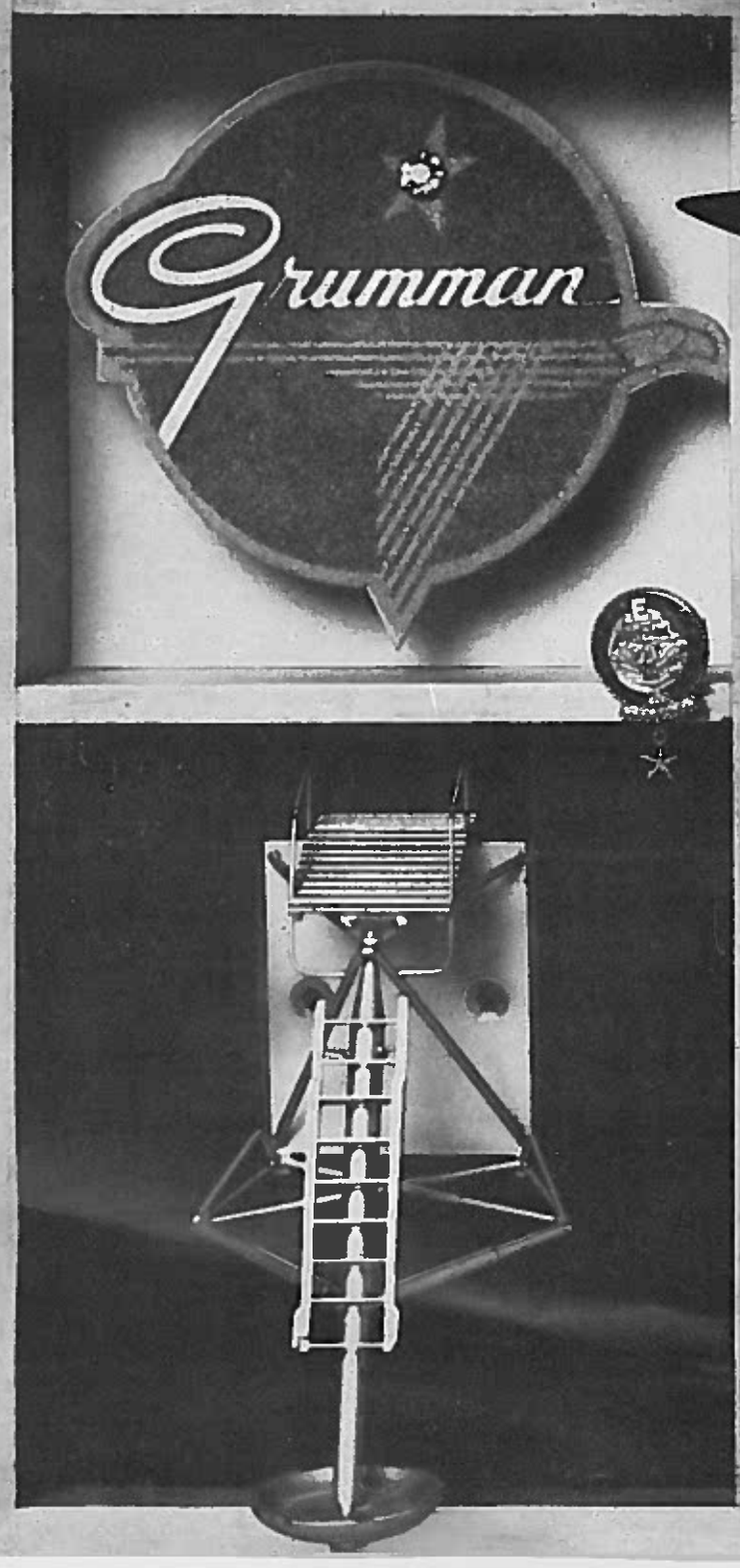
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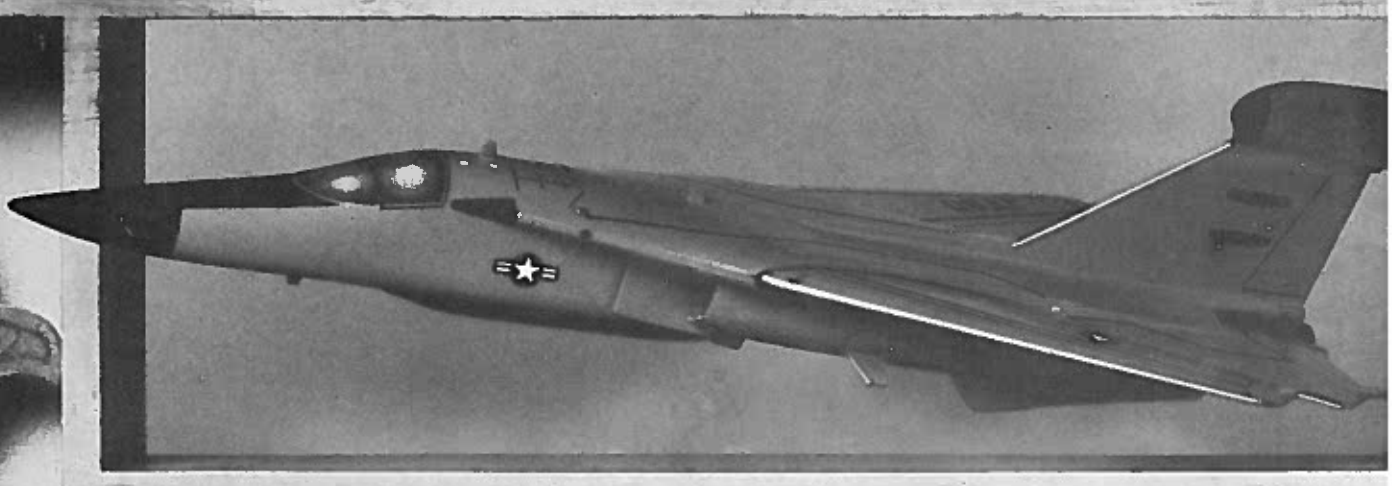

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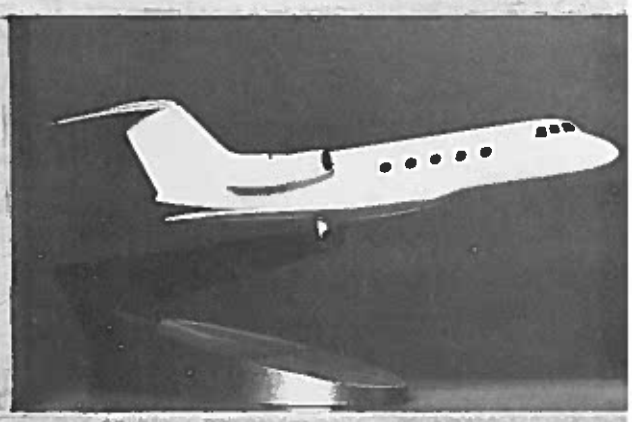

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